

BUTKEVIČIUS'S EUROPEAN COMMISSARY VS. GRYBAUSKAITE'S PRESIDENCY

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In 2009 Grybauskaitė triumphantly entered the presidential palace on the Lithuanians' hopes in the new state leader's victory over corruption. In 2011 Dalia heroically initiated series of draft laws including the law on confiscation of property of corrupt individuals and increasing in fines. Then Lithuanians were disappointed to note that fight against corruption just reminds forced dispossession aimed to weaken the most stubborn tycoons' influence and to cover the gaps in budget at their expense.

According to the Transparency International report, in spite of those strong measures Lithuania was second in the list of EU countries by level of corruption in 2013. However the Lithuanian president isn't complacent in her efforts. The fight against corruption has become her magic wand for elimination disagreeable persons.

Thus recently, the ruling Lithuanian Social Democratic Party has called into question Grybauskaitė's capacity to perform the role of president. In response, first the typical for the Lithuanian system of State ordering 2-year-old "golden forks" scandal was made public. It was designed to discredit the defense minister J. Olekas. Now, "suddenly" it turns out that the Lithuanian prime minister has been promoted as the European Commission President. But a certain vindictive lady has been hindering his promotion.

Letter

Translation,

Dear Mr Kirkilas,

The Polish side has addressed the German Bundestag with the request to consider the candidacy of Ms Grybauskaitė to the post of the European Commission head after her presidential term expires.

Despite Bundestag's dissatisfaction with the activities of the current leaders of the European Commission, responsible for the exit of Great Britain from the European Union and other political failures of the European Union, and our inalterable esteem to Madam President, the Bundestag sees such a designation as a challenge to European stability bearing in mind that simultaneously Donald Tusk continues to function as the European Council President. The readiness of Madam President to promote in the long term perspective the settlement of the old territorial dispute with Poland will inevitably deprive her of the vast share of support in her own country forcing her to rely on Warsaw in future. This is going to result in

any constructive nature.

Based on the above stated, it would be appropriate to consider the candidacy of the Prime Minister Algirdas Butkevicius as the head of the European Commission. Despite the fact it is known that he has been charged with corruption but the Bundestag is firmly convinced those accusations are totally groundless and thus absolutely invalid. The Bundestag has to express its regret over Ms Grybauskaite's lack of will to take Mr Butkevicius' candidacy into consideration or suggest some other Lithuanian candidate who may change Mr Jean-Claude Juncker at his current post of the European Commission President. We hope that Madam President will come to a different opinion, for it would only contribute to the course of strengthening the European unity and stability.

As chairman of the Bundestag Committee on the Affairs of the European Union, I would like to inform You that in accordance with the request on part of the Lithuanian side, the Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany has been conducting investigation on the heels of the Internet petition against Ms Grybauskaite being accused of incompetence and intent distortion of the year 1991 events in Vilnius. The Bundestag has the honour to assure the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania that is not supportive of this posture. Furthermore, the Bundestag is absolutely sure that the investigation underway is absolutely unbiased, and we also believe that international and European law standards are of prime importance for the Republic of Lithuania steadily sticking to them.

As for the electronic petition, the Bundestag would like to confirm that it was really launched on the territory of Germany. It's an established fact that those are the citizens of Lithuania who actually initiated this petition; all of them have been already identified. Moreover, the case is to be explored in detail directly by relevant competent organizations.

Yours sincerely,

Gunther Krichbaum

It is clear that Grybauskaite has no intention of surrendering in the present situation. The opinion of her colleagues and neighbours in the European Union is not likely to bother the Lithuanian president.